

Fifth Annual Men's Banquet Tuesday Nite

Musical Clubs Present "The Mikado"

ALL TITTIPU CONCERNED OVER GRAVEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES

Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything Else of Tittipu, today announced that according to the Mikado's law, Yum-Yum would be buried alive upon Nanki-Poo's execution if she were to marry him. Meanwhile Katisha has alleged publicly that Nanki-Poo, the musician, is the son of the Mikado traveling in disguise in an attempt to avoid marrying her.

Yum-Yum refused comment other than to say that she did not relish the thought of being buried alive. Nanki says that he sees no way out other than self-destruction.

Koko, Lord High Executioner, declares himself to be in a quandry, since the Mikado on his visit here Thursday will demand evidence that there has been an

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LAHTINEN'S TEAM HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Olavi Lahtinen's basketball team at Proctor, Vermont, High School recently won its second Southern Vermont basketball championship since 1931. Winning the tournament qualified them for the state championship, in which they were beaten by Burlington.

Lahtinen was graduated from Fitchburg last year. He played basketball here for four years. During his senior year he was student coach of basketball.

DRIVE AND PARKING SPACE BEING BUILT

The construction that is being done at the rear of the tennis courts is the foundation for the new driveway from Highland Avenue to the coal pit of the engine room. This drive will be of concrete construction and will eliminate the present dirt and mud path that is in use now. Between the Junior High building and the new drive will be a section of tarvia for a decent parking space and walk.

This construction was provided for in the last state budget and the work has been let out to A. R. Montuori, contractor, of Fitchburg. It is the intention to make a way to the Coal pit that will be accessible easily and conveniently, and at the same time

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THE WEEK'S SCHEDULE

March 29—April 2

Monday

12:30—Women's Student Gov't Council Meeting.

3:00—5:00—Mikado Rehearsal

Tuesday

11:05—Assembly "Summer Jobs"

4:00—Girls' Volleyball

6:00—M. S. A. Banquet

Wednesday

4:00—Men's Intra-murals

Thursday

11:05—Assembly - Unannounced

4:00—Girls' Volleyball

8:00—MIKADO

Friday

12:00—THE STICK is out.

COACH O'DONNELL, DEAN ANTHONY, AND TURKEY TO BE FEATURES

The fifth Annual Banquet of the Men's Student Association and Men Faculty will be held in Palmer Hall next Tuesday evening, March 30th at six o'clock.

The menu, which includes turkey "with all the fixings", will be the same as last year with the exception of the soup which has been replaced by fruit cup. According to Hollie Moore there will be seconds and thirds on everything, even the turkey.

Since this is the only get-together of the year for the men, it is felt that last year's record of one hundred and fifty members present (only ten members were excused) will be equalled this year, if not bettered.

Mr. Anthony will again act as

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THE FORMAL A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

The swing band, the formal attire and the simple unique decorations united to make the Gav-Hawk Dance last Friday one of the best the two clubs have conducted.

Between the multi-color spot lights and the Northern Lights motif, the library was ablaze with colors. In this galaxy of color was assembled a larger group of students and alumni than have attended this dance in.

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THE STICK

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EDITORIAL

NEW SAXIFRAGE PLAN

The present Saxifrage difficulty offers the student body an excellent opportunity for the consideration of a truly vital problem. Is it to the best interests of the College that the yearbook continues as an exclusive project of the senior class? Would it not be wiser to divide the responsibility between the two upper classes?

The fourth year is always a strenuous, a crowded one. Competence in studies, participation in extra-school activities, careful planning of one's future are all demanded of the senior. In other words, when he can least bear additional work, an increase is made in his burden—this in the form of an Annual.

Both the freshmen and the sophomores are new to the situation; theirs is a period of adjustment, devoted to assigned materials. Extra-curricula must be courted with discretion. The position of the junior is different: he is familiar with Fitchburg and its program; getting a position does not disturb him, as it does the senior. In all, it is obvious that the junior is best fitted by circumstance to at least share in the preparation of such a book.

THE ASH TRAY

By John English

It behooves me at this time to give a bit of advice, possibly in a paternal way. Briefly stated it is, that you should have eight hours sleep at least one night out of seven. Continuous loss of sleep causes you to become lack-a-daisical and only half efficient in any of your various efforts. While in school I assure you that you can expect no sympathy from your instructors and maybe deserve none. I therefore suggest that we take it easy on our instructors as well as ourselves and get more sleep.

About that Gav-Hawk dance; the decorations were very attractive, but a fellow that hates to even attempt to trip the light fantastic, I'd say that there was a decided lack of sitting facilities. All in all it was a very enjoyable party, that is, until Bob Rooney came around and tried to get an address and telephone number.

PEOPLE I TRY TO AVOID

State Troopers looking for speeders, State Inspectors looking for faulty brakes,—People asking favors to be done in two minutes—The two-timer—The double-faced politician—The poetry writer—The cigarette moocher—The one who has the gift of gab—The crepe hanger—The pussy bumper.

My best contributor, who herself is very lovely, informs me that although the season is spring, she fears that "Love isn't in Bloom". She was so explanatory in her information that I've no doubt she has charts and graphs on the situation and if they were so marked, I'm sure that she'd rank high as a graphic artist.

PEOPLE WORTH MEETING

The lad who got drenched by water thrown from one of the windows of the girl's dorm.

The lad who passed Bob Rooney on the road to Leominster.

The sophomore lad who would not shave to even go to the Gav-Hawk affair.

The lass who awoke one morning last week with a black eye.

The coffee girl whose nerves are not bothered by the caffeine.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

The balance and compensation found everywhere in life was the central theme of Dr. Percival's talk on aesthetics last Thursday. The opposing forces in life ever complement the essence of one to another as do the two commas in the Chinese sphere, Symbol of Yang and Yin.

Quoting from Tunis, the speaker stated that college should afford its students "tolerance, beauty, and an approach to the sanctuary of the mind."

In applying aesthetics to life the speaker expressed the belief that every one is striving to create a synthetic, but a self-consistent world in which one can express both his dreams and the practical elements of his life.

More certain delivery and detailed knowledge of the question decided the Tuesday assembly debate in favor of the affirmative team of the debate:—"Resolved: that the extension of consumers cooperative is desirable." Both teams were composed of members of the Forensic Society of Holy Cross College. The debate was presented according to the new American system in which each debater has a few minutes rebuttal.

WEBSTERITIES

ARDOR—Where you milk a cow at.

ARMISTICE—Inquiry of price.

ARREST—What you take when you're tired.

"CROSS OF PEACE"

By Sir Phillip Gibbs
A REVIEW

The "Croix de Guerre", one of the three service medals Armand Gatières had earned in the World War, became for him a "Cross of Peace", the symbol of an inspired, selfless, yet utterly futile, effort to aid in the formation of a powerful, international peace mechanism. Armand, his sensitive nature touched by love that could not be and the horror of international hatred and repression, was nailed to the 'Cross' he had been moved to carry. He saw the love of a beautiful German girl perish before the darkness of traditional hate; he saw his wife in France desert him when she could not understand or condone the work he had undertaken; he saw the youth of the opposing countries, the youth upon which he based his entire faith for ultimate peace, imprisoned or warped from their purpose by impassioned, evil promises of new life and hope; he saw all of this, and his heart died within him. A blind, spiritless man stumbled carelessly into the clutches of an iron regime of prejudice and nationalism to fall a victim to its heedless corruption. Armand had tried but the barriers of greed and hate had dwarfed and strangled the puny orphan he had hoped to rear, the orphan of peace and understanding and intelligence.

It is a novel of futility and peace despaired of. Gibbs offers the darkest outlook for the progress of universal tolerance and understanding. He took part in the war and seems to have made a thorough study of the conditions that followed. He looks to youth in his novel as the solution to the problem but becomes the defeatist when he pictures the decay of the movement under the present dictatorial regimes.

—L. R. Buttrick

W. A. A. BOARD GROUP DISCUSSES CHANGES

A meeting of the class representatives to the W. A. A. board for the purpose of organizing plans for the revision of the W. A. A. hand-book, was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Ethel Critchley. The representatives, Cecilia Callahan, Aile Waris, Anna Clifford, and Ruth Hughes, assisted by Marjorie Harkness suggested and discussed many plans in regard to the point system, election of representatives, election of team captains and other questions of vital importance to our organization. The plans will be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting of all W. A. A. members.

M. S. A. BANQUET

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song sheets and a professional piano player, he will lead the men in a royal battle of song. As a special attraction a double quartet, made up of faculty members and students, will render several selections.

The high-light of the evening will be a speech by Mr. Cleo O'Donnell, coach at St. Anselms College.

There will be dancing in the gym afterward.

GAV-MOHAWK FORMAL

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recent years.

Because the decorations blocked the alcoves, with the exception of two, very few people sat out dances or even sat down once the dance started.

The band brought several vocalists with it and they were helped out by the trio "Ucky" Henrickson, Dolores Sullivan, and Earl Roseen.

Lexicon—Where the first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought.

JUNIOR HIGH BRIEFS

Council members of the Junior High are going to Providence on April 5 to visit junior high schools and to meet their councils. Mr. Clark is driving the four members who are going.

A basketball tournament will be played by the J. H. S. team next Saturday in the Y. M. C. A. at 5:45.

By June a hand-book which the J. H. S. believes will be of interest to incoming pupils in September, will be published. It will include a short history of the school, explanation of courses, general school rules, programs, and the honor system.

GIRLS HOLD WEEKLY VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

Volleyball practice for the women was held this week in the gym on Tuesday from 4 to 5 o'clock. All techniques of the game were reviewed and practiced. Miss Bolger and Mary Hanifan have not as yet decided on the schedule for the class games but it is probable that the first one will be held Thursday from 3 to 4 o'clock between the Sophomores and Seniors.

CONSTRUCTION

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provide means of crossing between the Industrial Arts building and the Junior High.

THE MIKADO

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execution, or will reduce the town to the rank of village.

Katisha left Tittipu on the 10:15 for Tokyo this morning. Nanki-Poo expressed the belief that she would go to the Mikado and demand vengeance.

It is expected that this situation will reach a climax and solution when the combined music clubs present the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Mikado" in the assembly hall next Thursday evening.

CAMPUS CHATTER

by Benny



Suppose you were to set down on paper the many little things that happen to you each day. It might prove interesting to you some night when you have to stay home and read to your children.

Ucky (I like that) Henderson just tapped me on the shoulder and begged me for some change for a radio in the rest room. He was so appealing that I dug down in my pockets and gave him a cent. It reminded me of the time when I had to go from door to door on a financial drive for the old ladies home. I walked up to the door of a house and a tough looking fellow came to the door and said "What do you want?" I meekly said, "Can you give me something to help the old ladies home?" Slamming the door, he replied "What! Are they out again?"

Just had a talk with Dean Anthony about this funny old world. He admitted that it was a tough old world and said he doubted if any of us got out of it alive.

There were several items that I missed while on the subject of love. I would suggest that you write them yourself and paste them on the bottom of the column. In this way you see, to you, it will be the most interesting column to date.

Someone wants to know if my name is really Benny. No, it isn't, it is a name I assumed to act as a sort of shell in shedding the

juice of fruits that I receive. Some people are so anxious to give me fruit that they throw it instead of handing it to me.

Speaking of food I actually saw Merelis Cote hit Savoy on the head with a tray of food. Merrilis is tiny but when it comes to serving she is right there.

I thank God that I am not a waitress. (I mean waiter) I would sooner drive cows to pasture than to try to feed a crowd of hungry people. I once tried to balance a tray of dishes in a summer restaurant and only broke five. Not so bad for a beginner.

Benny Hears:

That the Scrougers after a fierce battle were finally edged out of a sure victory by a mere 72 points.

That Phi Sigma Tau came through with three victories last week.

That one member of a basketball team couldn't play because his mother wouldn't let him out.

That a woman has two views of a secret. Either it is not worth keeping or it is too good to keep.

That a lesson in the head is worth two in the book.

Conductor. "How old are you, little girl?"

Little Boston Girl. "If the corporation doesn't object, I'd prefer to pay full fare and keep my own statistics."

Dictionary Exercise



Professor—A hired bit of camouflage placed around an athletic club to give it the appearance of a university.

Etc.—a sign used to make people believe you know more than you do.

Reformer—a person who wants to let his conscience be your guide.

Vacuum—Nothing shut up in a box.

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